Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A reaction product of ~~specific mixtures~~ a mixture of long-chain fatty acids and at least one aliphatic ~~diamines~~ diamine, wherein the reaction product ~~having~~ has an alkali number of < 10 and an acid number of < 15.

2. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio of ~~mixtures~~ the mixture of long-chain fatty acids to the at least one aliphatic ~~diamines~~ diamine is 2 to 1.

3. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the ~~specific~~ mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises

0-7% by weight of myristic acid
0-85% by weight of palmitic acid
0-85% by weight of stearic acid
0-10% by weight of oleic acid
0-90% by weight of 12-hydroxystearic acid, and

where the sum is always 100% by weight.

4. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises

0-7% by weight of myristic acid
34-64% by weight of palmitic acid
64-45% by weight of stearic acid
0-10% by weight of oleic acid, and

where the sum is always 100% by weight.

5. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises

0-5% by weight of myristic acid
40-60% by weight of palmitic acid

60-40% by weight of stearic acid, and
0-5% by weight of oleic acid,
where the sum is always 100% by weight.

6. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 5, wherein~~ claim 1, further comprising at least one natural or synthetic fatty ~~acids~~ acid~~are present as constituents~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 6~~claim 1, wherein the at least one aliphatic diamine is ethylenediamine ~~is used as aliphatic diamine~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 7 in which~~ claim 1, further comprising at least one saturated or ~~and/or~~ unsaturated dicarboxylic ~~acids are present~~acid or a mixture thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 8~~claim 8, wherein the ratio of the mixture ~~mixtures~~ of long-chain ~~carboxylic acids~~fatty acids to the at least one aliphatic ~~diamines~~ diamine to the at least dicarboxylic ~~acids~~ acid is (1.8-1.98):1.0:(0.1-0.01).

10. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one of more of claims 8 to 9~~claim 8, wherein the sum of the carboxyl functionality is always 2.

11. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 8 to 10, wherein~~ claim 1, having an alkali number of < 10 and an acid number of < 15 ~~are set~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 8 to 11~~claim 8, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises
0-7% by weight of myristic acid

20-85% by weight of palmitic acid
85-45% by weight of stearic acid, and
0-10% by weight of oleic acid,
where the sum is always 100% by weight.

13. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 8 to 12~~claim 8, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises
0-5% by weight of myristic acid
20-80% by weight of palmitic acid
80-20% by weight of stearic acid, and
0-10% by weight of oleic acid,
where the sum is always 100% by weight.

14. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 8 to 13~~claim 8, wherein the at least aliphatic diamine ~~component used~~ is ethylenediamine in combination with linear and/or cycloaliphatic diamines.

15. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 8 to 14~~claim 8, wherein the at least one aliphatic diamine further ~~combination~~ comprises
from 50 to 100% by weight of ethylenediamine and
from 0 to 50% by weight of linear and/or cycloaliphatic diamines.

16. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed ~~in one or more of claims 8 to 15~~claim 8, wherein the at least one aliphatic diamine further ~~combination~~ comprises
from 95 to 99.99% by weight of ethylenediamine and
from 0.01 to 5% by weight of linear and/or cycloaliphatic diamines.

17. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 8 to 16~~claim 8, wherein the at least one aliphatic diamine ~~component used~~ is

ethylenediamine in combination ~~with linear or cycloaliphatic diamines such as~~ hexamethylenediamine, ~~or~~ tricyclodecanediamine or mixtures thereof.

18. (Currently Amended) The reaction product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 8 to 17~~claim 8, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises

0-7% by weight of myristic acid
0-85% by weight of palmitic acid
0-85% by weight of stearic acid
0-10% by weight of oleic acid, and
0-90% by weight of 12-hydroxystearic acid,

where the sum is always 100% by weight.

19. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a reaction ~~products~~ product as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 18, wherein~~claim 1, comprising the step of setting an alkali number of < 10 and an acid number of < 15 ~~are set for the reaction products~~for the reaction product.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of reaction products as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 18 as modifiers for~~A method for modifying bitumen comprising the step of adding a reaction product as claimed in claim 1 to the bitumen.

21. (New) Bitumen made in accordance with the method of claim 20.